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ANTY 220S: Culture and Society

Information

Autumn 2014

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Course Description

3 cr. Study of social organization of non-western societies with emphasis on variations in ecology, social structure, economic, political, religious beliefs and practices.

Readings

Kottak, Conrad. 2011. Mirror for Humanity: a brief introduction to sociocultural anthropology.

Eighth Edition. McGraw Hill, Inc. (available at UC Bookstore; Course Smart electronic rental encouraged) Copies on reserve at Mansfield Library, 2 hour in building use.

Assignments and Exams

1. Two midterms, and one final exam are each worth 100 points.
2. Two short essays (1000 words) are each worth 100 points.

Objectives

1. Analyze variation in social and cultural forms, and theories for that variation.
2. Compare small scale with complex societies in terms of 'indigenous' and 'global.'
3. Interpret the significance of concepts of culture and society in the social sciences.

Policies

Attendance and Accessibility

Students are expected to attend class and complete assignments and exams according to the schedule. Except for the first day, all assignments will be completed on the Moodle supplement. No late assignments will be accepted. If a student requires accessibility, please contact the instructor the first week of class and appropriate accommodations will be made.

Grades

Grades are based on consistent attendance and the quality of completion of assignments, and exams. Final letter grades are determined by a cumulative score of maximum 500 points; the percentage of cumulative points earned will determine the letter grade on the following scale: 90-100% A, 80-89% B, 70-79% C, 60-69% D, below 60% F. NF—never attended. +/- is at the discretion of the instructor. There is no extra credit.

Syllabus

Date	Lecture Topic and Key Concepts	Assignment/Assessment
1. Aug. 26	Introduction: What is Anthropology?	Goals and Expectations
2. Aug. 28	Guest Lecture: Topeng Mask Performance in Bali	Chapter 1
3. Sept. 2	Culture, Society and Population	Chapter 2
4. Sept. 4	Global and Indigenous Studies	Chapter 13
5. Sept. 9	Enculturation, Socialization and Personhood	
6. Sept. 11	Ethnographic Fieldwork	Chapter 3
7. Sept. 16	Language and Communication	Chapter 4
8. Sept. 18	Race, Class and Caste	Chapter 11
9. Sept. 23	Ecology and Subsistence	Chapter 5
10. Sept. 25	Economy and Livelihood	
11. Sept. 30	Equality, Inequality and Social Rank	First Midterm Chapters 1-5
12. Oct. 2	Ideology and Interests	
13. Oct. 7	Politics and Conflict	Chapter 6
14. Oct. 9	Law and Social Control	
15. Oct. 14	Kinship and Marriage	Chapter 7
16. Oct. 16	Family and Residence	
17. Oct. 21	Age, Gender and Sexuality	Chapter 8
18. Oct. 23	Fertility, Health and Healing	
19. Oct. 25	Sacrifice, Ritual and Religion	Chapter 9
20. Oct. 28	Art, Performance and Aesthetics	
21. Oct. 30	Magic and Witchcraft	
22. Nov. 4	ELECTION DAY—NO CLASS	
23. Nov. 6	Alienation and the Gift	Second Midterm Chapters 6-9
24. Nov. 11	VETERAN'S DAY—NO CLASS	First Essay due Nov. 12th
25. Nov. 13	World Systems and Capitalism	Chapter 10
26. Nov. 18	Sport and Play	
27. Nov. 20	Literacy and Education	
28. Nov. 25	Social and Cultural Change	Chapter 12
29. Nov. 27	THANKSGIVING—NO CLASS	Second Essay due Dec. 2nd
30. Dec. 2	Applying Anthropology and Cultural Heritage	
31. Dec. 4	Conclusion and Course Evaluation	
Dec. 9	10:10-12:10 p.m. Party	Final Exam Chapters 10-13